



BME Ph.D. Program Checklist

ALL SEMESTERS

Enroll in courses and/or research (GRAD 6950)
(6-9 graded credits per semester)

YEAR 1

Semester 1: Advisor & Research

Enroll in BME 6094 seminar course
Discuss research interests with faculty
Begin work in research group
Select a track and required courses
Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0

Semester 2: Start Research

Prepare for qualifying exam (Year 2)
Enroll in BME 6094 seminar &
other required courses

YEAR 2

Year 2: Pass qualifying exam

NIH-style written proposal and oral presentation

Form an advisory committee

Choose 1 major advisor and 2 associate
advisors. Guidelines:
[http://gradcatalog.uconn.edu/grad-school-info/
advisory-system/](http://gradcatalog.uconn.edu/grad-school-info/advisory-system/)

Continue to take graded courses
toward your degree

Submit *Plan of Study* to the Graduate School (after 18 credits completed)

<http://grad.uconn.edu/current-students/forms/>

Upon *Plan of Study* approval by
Graduate School, start proposal

YEARS > 3

Dissertation Proposal/General Exam

Provide a copy of proposal to advisory
committee 1 week in advance
Defend proposal
Submit general exam, proposal hard copy, and
dissertation proposal approval forms
to Graduate School (at least 6 months
before final Ph.D. defense)

Prepare Dissertation

Complete 30 graded course credits,
15 graded research credits, and
2 publications

FINAL DEFENSE

For a complete checklist of required steps visit:
<https://registrar.uconn.edu/doctoral-degree-programs/dissertation-information/>

Apply for graduation in Peoplesoft
during last semester

Provide dissertation to advisory committee
2 weeks in advance of defense

Defend dissertation and obtain
signatures of advisory committee

Complete BME clearance form
includes: submit PDF of thesis,
return keys & provide exit survey.

Announce final defense 2 weeks in
advance on UConn and BME event
calendars

Review dissertation submission
checklist in link above

Submissions

Submit 1 electronic copy of dissertation to
Digital Commons
Submit completed dissertation checklist,
1 approval page, final exam form, and re-
ceipt of earned doctorate survey to Gradu-
ate School

